

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6, 43, 44, 49, and 52-119 are pending. Claims 43, 44, 49, 65-67, 68 (in part), 70-77, 78 (in part), and 80-119 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 6 and 56-64 are allowed. Claims 1, 52-55, 68 (as directed to the elected invention), 69, 78 (as directed to the elected invention), and 79 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, claims 68 (as directed to the elected invention), 69, 78 (as directed to the elected invention), and 79 are objected to as being in improper dependent form, and claims 68 (as directed to the elected invention), 69, 78 (as directed to the elected invention), and 79 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Applicants address each of these rejections below.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1, 43, 44, 49, 52-55, and 65-119 have been canceled. This amendment was made solely to expedite prosecution, and Applicants reserve the right to pursue the canceled subject matter in this or in a continuing application.

Claim Objection and Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

All claims that were objected to or that were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first or second paragraph, claims 1, 52-55, 68, 69, 78, and 79, have been canceled. These bases for rejection are therefore moot.

CONCLUSION

The Office has indicated that claims 6 and 56-64 are allowed. As these are the only claims pending after entry of the present amendment, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and this action is hereby respectfully requested.

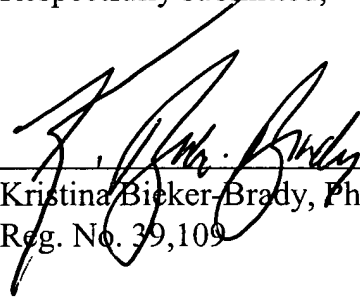
Enclosed are a Petition to extend the period for replying to the final Office action for three (3) months, to and including July 28, 2005, and a check in payment of the required extension fee.

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